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UNREASONABLE DEMAND BY ORGANISED TRADE UNIONS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the organised trade unions in the country are insisting on unreasonable demands in various industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details of demands and whether these demands are in accordance with country`s labour laws; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): The trade unions have generally voiced the concern of workers on the policies of disinvestments and privatization. In the 37th session of the Indian Labour Conference held in New Delhi on 18-19 May, 2001, it was demanded that there should no disinvestments in the defence sector and also in the companies earning profits. It will be difficult to categorize these demands as reasonable or unreasonable, Since they have been made in the specific context of the ongoing economic reforms process and express the workers` perception, which have a certain sanctity in a democratic society.